A bigger waiting hall of $94m^2$ has been provided at Garifa station in comparision to $81m^2$ waiting hall of Hooghly Ghat station. No FOB at Hooghly Ghat station is available. But FOB at Garifa station has already been decided to be provided and the proposal of provision of FOB at Garifa station has already been sanctioned and included in Pink Book 1996-97.

Performance Linked Incentive Scheme

4019. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total expenditure Air India has incurred on 'Performance Linked Incentive' scheme till date;

(b) total amount paid under the PLI, category-wise;

(c) in what way the company has been benefited after implementation of the scheme;

(d) whether the performance linked incentive scheme is linked with profit making of the company;

(e) what is the minimum as well as maximum amount paid under this scheme per month; and

(f) total financial burden on the company due to above scheme per month?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) The expenditure incurred on performance linked incentive (PLI) scheme by Air India from May, 1996 to February, 1997 is Rs. 65.01 crores. Payment to various categories of staff is linked to the achievement of performance parameters fixed under the PLI scheme.

(c) and (d) There have been significant improvements in on-time performance, aircraft availability, despatch reliability etc. The scheme is not directly linked to profits but is intended to attain improved performance which would ultimately result in increased revenue.

(e) Minimum and maximum amount paid in the month of January, 1997 was Rs. 305 and Rs. 88165 respectively.

(f) The average payment under the PLI scheme is Rs. 6.27 crores per month.

Booking of Goods in Howrah Goods Shed

4020. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued instructions to discourage incoming and outgoing booking from Howrah Goods Shed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are considering to review the matter till such facilities are provided at Dankuni;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, periodical operating restrictions are imposed on inward goods traffic due to increased demand of passenger trains operation on the limited facilities available in the Howrah Complex. No review is required as Howrah goodshed has not been closed, though facilities have already been provided and goods traffic is being dealt with at Dankuni.

Diesel Box 'N' Depot

4021. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work pertaining to the Diesel Box 'N' loco shed depot at Angul in Orissa has been completed;

(b) if not, the progress made till date;

(c) the funds allocated during each of the last three years for above depot; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the work at above depot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The progress made as on 31-12-96 and the funds allocated during each of the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

Work Name	Physical progress	Funds allocated during 94-95	95-96	96-97
(i) Angul-Facilities for maintenance of BOX 'N'/BCN depot.	22%	0.60	3.00	2.50
(ii) Angul-50 loco BG diesel shed.	62%	1.50	9.70	2.95

(d) These works are likely to be completed by March'99. The progress of the works are monitored and instructions to the concerned authorities are issued from time to time to expedite the progress on work where it is considered the progress is slow.

Berths/Seats in Rajdhani Express

4022. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of berths/seats in the Rajdhani Express going from Hazrat Nizamuddin/Delhi to Trivandrum (in each class);

(b) the number of these seats/berths reserved for passengers to Kerala;

(c) the number of berths/seats reserved from Madras and stations in Tamil Nadu and other States;

(d) the number of the seats/berths in each class which were occupied during each journey from Delhi to each of these States during the past three months alongwith the details of vacant seats;

(e) whether Kerala is not adequately served even though there are more passengers from that State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The total accommodation available in the Hazrat Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Rajdhani Express train in each class is as under :

18 berths in Ist AC

135 berths in AC2-Tier

256 berths in AC3-Tier

(b) and (c) Out of total accommodation of 409 berths available in all classes, 123 berths are allotted at Nizamuddin to Kerala bound passengers. Rest of the accommodation is allotted to passengers going to other States including Tamil Nadu.

(d) The utilisation of reservation quota by 2432 Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Rajdhani Express train during the last three months ending February'97 is as under :

Month	Ist AC	2AC	3AC
Dec.'96 for Madras	40%	58%	69%
for Trivandrum	60%	100%	100%
Jan.'96 for Madras	15%	44%	50%
for Trivandrum	37%	74%	86%
Feb.'97 for Madras	27%	39%	46%
for Trivandrum	40%	58%	80%

(e) and (f) It is proposed to provide an additional quota of 2 berths in Ist AC, 23 berths in 2AC and 35 berths in 3AC for Trivandrum bound passengers by 2432 Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Rajdhani Express train.

Express Container Railway Service

4023. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have launched express container railway service for domestic cargo between major cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof with plan of action, year-wise and area-wise with related details;

(c) the measures taken to expand/upgrade/ modernise movement of goods traffic in the country during 1997-98 and implications thereof, zone-wise; and

(d) the projections of rise in goods traffic over the next five years and action programme worked out to meet the traffic load?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railway has started, between selected pairs of stations, nominated-day container services called CONTRACK since January, 1997.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) Induction of high horse power Locomotives, Bottom Discharge Hopper wagons for improving wagon turnround and wagon utilisation is being done for upgrading/modernising freight traffic operation. Higher levels of freight traffic will be carried by acquisition of additional Rolling Stock.

(d) It is expected that in the next 5 years i.e. in the terminal year of the IXth Plan, the freight traffic would rise to 525 million tonnes from 410 mt in 1996-97 (Revised Estimate). The above traffic would be met by acquisition of additional rolling stock and by improving utilisation of the existing stock.

Statement

The details of CONCOR's CONTRACK services

Stream	Frequency	Day/Date	Commenced From
Delhi-Chennai	Thrice every week	Friday, Sunday and Tuesday	17.01.97
Delhi-Vijaywada	Fortnightly	15th & 30th of every month	30.01.97
Kanpur-Calcutta	Weekly	Every Thursday	23.01.97
Lucknow-Calcutta	Weekly	Every Wednesday	22.01.97
Moradabad-Calcutta	Weekly	Every Monday	20.01.97
Chennai-Delhi	Weekly	Every Friday	18.01.97
Bangalore-Delhi	Weekly	Every Sunday	23.02.97
Bombay-Delhi	Weekly	Every Friday	21.02.97
Delhi-Dhandarikalan (Ludhiana)	Weekly	Every Sunday	9.03.97
Dhandarikalan (Ludhiana) - Delhi	Weekly	Every Tuesday	11.03.97